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GREGG ANNOUNCES \$1MILLION NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT FOR HIGH-TECH WORKERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sect. of Labor calls Sen. Gregg to share news, helps hundreds of NH workers

WASHINGTON— U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) announced today that laid-off high-technology workers in New Hampshire will benefit from a \$1 million National Emergency Grant approved by Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao. Secretary Chao called Senator Gregg, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, this morning to share the news.

Senator Gregg stated, “Secretary Chao’s call this morning to tell me that she has approved this \$1 million grant for New Hampshire workers is great news. New Hampshire has built up a strong high-tech presence, and it is crucial that workers who have been dislocated and adversely affected have the resources and assistance they need to find new jobs and hone their skills.”

The grant makes transition assistance available for 250 former workers at Hewlett-Packard and hundreds more employees dislocated at 85 other high-technology firms in New Hampshire. This is the second National Emergency Grant approved by the U.S. Department of Labor that relates to the Hewlett-Packard merger with Compaq. An earlier grant provided \$1.6 million in transition assistance.

The funds will go to the New Hampshire Community Technical College System and the project will be operated by the Workforce Opportunity Council. Most of the affected workers live in Hillsborough, Rockingham and Strafford Counties.

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